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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 2-3 and 5 are pending. Claims 1 and 4 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue patent protection for unclaimed subject matter in the future.

On September 16, 2003, the Examiner contacted the undersigned to correct informalities in the claims. The foregoing corrects those informalities The amendments are supported by the original disclosure and, thus, no new matter has been added.

Having fully responded to all objections and rejections, Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit an early Notice to that effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

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